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Serial No.: 10/655,878)
) Examiner: TBA
Filed: September 5, 2003)
) Confirmation No.: 6857
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Commissioner for Patents
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above-identified patent application:

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 - a. Transmittal Letter
 - b. Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
 - c. Form PTO-1449 with a copy of 16 references
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**THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)**

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Dear Sir:

In order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is Form PTO-1449 and copies¹ of the documents listed thereon. These documents contain information that the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

1. Berthold et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,390,274 issued 4/21/98
2. Boss et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,741,635 issued 4/21/98
3. Vossen, German Patent No. DE 37 86 279 T2 published 6/23/93

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4. Andre et al., German Patent No. DE 689 05 373 T2 published 3/17/93
5. Andre et al., German Patent No. DE 689 12 950 T2 published 2/2/94
6. Orum et al., German Patent No. DE 694 09 830 T2 published 4/22/98
7. Squirrell et al., German Patent No. DE 694 12 790 T2 published 8/26/98
8. International PCT Application No. WO 97/48803 published 12/24/97
9. International PCT Application No. WO 98/37096 published 8/27/98
10. International PCT Application No. WO 98/39444 published 9/11/98
11. International PCT Application No. WO 99/26657 published 6/3/99
12. International PCT Application No. WO 99/09199 published 2/25/99
13. International PCT Application No. WO 00/50631 published 8/31/00
14. Alexandre et al., *Journal of Virological Methods*, Vol. 66, pp. 113-123, 1997.
15. Bessho et al., *J. Nutr. Sci. Vitaminol.*, Vol. 34, pp. 607-614, 1988.
16. Handa et al., *Analytical Biochemistry*, Vol. 102, pp. 332-339, 1980.
17. Idahl et al., *Analytical Biochemistry*, Vol. 155, pp. 177-181, 1986.
18. Ugarova et al., *Analytical Biochemistry*, Vol. 158, pp. 1-5, 1986.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

The present Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 insofar as an Examiner might consider any of the cited documents important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, but the citation of each document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended

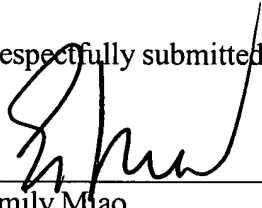
that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) and, in the course of each search, will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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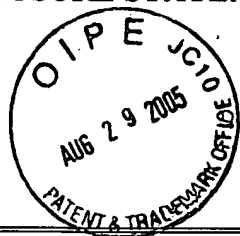
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1	4,390,274	6/28/83	Berthold et al.	356	36	1/10/80
	2	5,741,635	4/21/98	Boss et al.	435	4	1/30/96

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	3	DE 37 86 279 T2	6/23/93	Germany			X (abstract)
	4	DE 689 05 373 T2	3/17/93	Germany			X (abstract)
	5	DE 689 12 950 T2	2/02/94	Germany			X (abstract)
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